

PITCHERS

Ray Brown throws right handed. He joined the Grays in 1932.

Brown comes from Indian Lake, Ohio, where he played high school baseball.

Brown probably has the best average of any pitcher ever in colored baseball.

At one stretch, in 1936 and 1937, he won 28 straight games. Brown has also led the Puerto Rican and Cuban Winter Leagues in victories. He is also considered one of Colored Baseball's most dangerous hitters.

Edsell Walker, another pitcher, was an all-around athlete in Catskill, N. Y. when he joined the Grays as a pitcher in 1935. Edsell is a southpaw and helped the Grays establish their great records.

Roy Welmaker, from Atlanta, Ga., played baseball and football at Clark University before he joined the Homestead Grays.

Welmaker was in the armed forces in 1943 and part of 1944, but joined the Grays in August, 1944 in time to help them win the Negro National League pennant and the Negro World Series. Welmaker is a left-hand pitcher.

Ernest Carter joined the Homestead Grays in 1942. He is from Birmingham, Alabama; throws right handed. Carter led the Negro National League pitchers in 1944. He formerly pitched for the Philadelphia Stars.

R. T. Walker was one of the leading pitchers of the West in 1944, pitching for the St. Louis Stars. Walker was declared a free agent by the Presidents of the Negro American and Negro National Leagues in the spring of 1945. The Grays out-bid the other League clubs for Walker's services.

Hymie Leftwich, a youngster from Duquesne, Pa., who has only played sandlot ball, has shown promise in spring training and will get a thorough try-out.